

SUPERIOR COURT AT WESTERLY

Alienation Suit Goes Over for Present—Motion to Expunge Denied in Slander Case—Red Men to Visit New London—Patriotic Entertainment Planned for St. Patrick's Night

The superior court for Washington county came in again at Westerly Monday morning and went out again without the transaction of business. Judge Barrows, Clerk Haswell and assistant, the court stenographer, Sheriff Wilcox and his deputies, thirty-five jurors, all at the expense of the state of Rhode Island, were in the court room from 10:30 and Judge Barrows called the first case on the docket, Nora Milligan against Ada Randall, in which the plaintiff alleges the alienation of the affections of her husband by the defendant, who employed Mr. Milligan as chauffeur. The damage claimed in cash is \$50,000. There was a consultation between Fred C. Olney, counsel for defendant, and John H. McGough, counsel for plaintiff, concerning the illness of an important witness. During this consultation there was a Quaker session of the court. After the session the attorneys held subdued conversation with the judge, who announced that the case would be passed for the present. The parties to the case are residents of Narragansett Pier.

Then the case of Lida Thomas against Amos Burdick and Herbert Welch, an action to recover damages for injuries received by being knocked down by the automobile, was called. Clarence B. Roche, an attorney in the case, who before the supreme court in Providence arguing his claim for a new trial, was called by Judge Barrows, who was convicted of the murder of William H. Rhodes, in the old Kingston station, was indicted also for the murders of Oscar and Gustave Olsen. In the necessary absence of Attorney Roche, this was the first case set down for trial Tuesday morning.

The case of Charles P. Eccleston against Robert McGinnis was assigned as the second case. It was stated that there would probably be no trial of this case, as the defendant was not in Westerly.

The next case assigned in order is the slander suit of Mary Arcongle against Mary Rhodes, in which Fred C. Olney is counsel for the plaintiff and A. T. L. Ledwedge for the defendant. Mr. Olney stated that Judge Edward M. Burke and Judge Herbert W. Rathburn were the previous counsel in this case, and as it could not be handled by two judges, the case was assigned to the case. Mr. Olney, after the prospective jurors were ordered from the room, made a motion that the part of the complaint alleging truth of the slanderous words be expunged from the record. Mr. Ledwedge spoke strongly in opposition, claiming that the defense sought to take away the essential points in the case, and it would be unfair to the plaintiff whose reputation had been attacked. It was thought to be given opportunity to remove the alleged stain on her character.

Judge Barrows said it would be unjust to allow the section referred to, to be stricken out. Two other good lawyers who were in the case did not ask the obliteration of this phase of the case. For the third counsel to come in now and ask for the expunging because he thinks it would be not fair and the plaintiff is entitled to maintain the plea. The motion was denied.

Judge Barrows notified the attorneys present that five cases on the docket must be ready for trial when the court comes in Tuesday, so that in the event of a "break-down" there would be some case ready for the consideration of the jury. He reminded the attorneys that it was not fair to the state to incur a big expense by having the court and jury come to Westerly, and then not be ready to proceed to trial with the cases on the docket.

About half a hundred members of the Misquamicut Tribe of Redmen, of the Westerly reservation, will hit the Graton and Stonington trail for New London this evening. They are to be paid for a visit to the wigwam of the friendly New London tribe. The total degree of the visit is \$1.00. The warriors, Degree on a large scale headed by Mayor Ernest E. Rogers of New London, after the limit of Indian tradition, there will be a feast of succotash and venison, or worthy substitutes. Then the warriors will talk, after which all will take a puff at the pipe of peace, when the Western Redmen will be ferried across the Thames to Graton, and return to Westerly by the well-pollished Graton and Stonington trail.

James W. Nelson, better known as "Jimmy," who has spent the last five summers in Westerly, has been taken a contract to get the members of the police department of his home city, Westerly, into a better physical condition. Jimmy has a system all his own in physical culture, and several residents of Westerly will be in the hands of the police officers, the lessons to cover a season of eight weeks, and he will be in the command of the instruction period.

A quarter century ago Jimmy Nelson's headquarters were in Westerly, and he was the cleverest lightweight in the boxing game, and did not mind to take on bouts with waterweights. In the prize ring he commenced the boxing game as a kid in the Brooklyn cooper shops, from which Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and other top liners were graduated. For years he was the sparring partner of McAuliffe and his business manager, Jimmy Nelson left the boxing game long ago and made a study of physical culture until he became a recognized authority, and his treatment has been given to many leading citizens, including three governors of Connecticut. He has been a resident of Westerly for over 15 years.

Chief Engineer Samuel G. Cottrell of the Westerly fire department has received from R. G. Roth, secretary of the National Fire Elimination association.

MORE RHEUMATISM THAN EVER BEFORE

Clergymen, Lawyers, Brokers, Merchants and Merchants Stricken.

Our old friend Rheumatism is having his inning this year, and a few words of caution for those who know all about it may not be amiss.

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tion, under Chicago date, this communication: Dear Sir: Our work is fire elimination. At present the defective fire evil has our attention. During the past two years our engineers have secured the work, with visit Westerly and call upon you. Any courtesy you may extend Mr. Gabriel which will facilitate the work of fire elimination will be appreciated."

Alfred R. Champlin of Westerly has promise of becoming an artist of real merit, as evidenced by 12 pen and ink drawings of marine architecture which are now on exhibition at the Westerly public library. The subjects are: Steamship Philadelphia, formerly City of Paris; the United States Ship Oregon; American liner St. Paul; steam yacht Electra; auxiliary yacht Carnegie; the White Star liner Titanic; United States Ship Constellation; Cunard liner Aquitania; concerted yacht Gloucester; superdreadnought Pennsylvania; the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland; and the Cunard liner Lusitania.

Two months ago Charles J. Butler made complaint to the Westerly town council in regard to the filling in of the Pawcatuck river through a public drain that interfered with his wharf privileges, but the council was not disposed to direct dredging, claiming that the town was not responsible for the filling in at the mouth of the drain. Then, through Senator Lippitt, Mr. Butler took the matter up with the department of commerce. Mr. Butler has received notice that Inspector Gates will be in Westerly next Wednesday to investigate conditions and report in regard to the filling in of the river, and recommend the remedy. Mr. Butler has invited all those interested in river traffic to meet Mr. Gates at the Colonial club next Wednesday afternoon.

St. Patrick's day will be observed in Westerly by a special program next Friday evening in Hibernian hall. Rev. John J. Fitzgerald, pastor of St. Michael's church, will preside. The vocal music will be rendered by the combined choir of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. Michael's church. The program follows: Opening chorus, Come Back to Erin, chorus; dances by 12 Irish lasses, with songs by Misses Clara Handell and Helen McGrath; solo, A Little Bit of Heaven, Kenyon A. Doyle; address, Rev. Laurence Kelly, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception; solo, Where the Shannon Bells Are Ringing, Miss Alice McGowan of Stonington; address, Rev. John Lyddy, assistant at St. Michael's; solo, Kathleen Mavourneen, Miss Sophia Canavan; solo, When I Dream of Old Erin, Miss Josephine Leahy of Stonington; solo, Irish Lullaby, Miss Teresa McMahon; closing chorus, Star Spangled Banner; Mrs. Thomas L. Murray, accompanist.

Local Laconics. Cute little pots of shamrocks are reminders of the near approach of St. Patrick's day.

The Camp Fire Girls will hold a union ceremonial in the Memorial and Library building this evening.

Walter Fiddes and Mary E. Henderson of Hopkinton were married Saturday evening at the parish of the Congregational church by Rev. Frederick A. MacDonald.

Three big oil companies are represented in Westerly and all charge the same price for gasoline, benzine and kerosene. "Competition is the life of trade" is fading as a truism.

The druggists of Westerly are arming themselves with a variety of poisons on drugs and medicines, made necessary by the fluctuation of wholesale prices due to the troublesome times abroad.

The Life and Times of John Knox was the subject of an interesting paper read by Rev. Frederick A. MacDonald at the March meeting of the Western Ministerial association held in the Memorial and Library building on Monday.

A unanimous vote of thanks.

MYSTIC

William L. Main to Erect Three-story Block—Young Men Organize a Rifle Club.

Work was begun Monday by William L. Main, of Westerly, to erect a three-story building on East Mystic avenue, where he is to erect a three-story building. The building will be a garage, and the lower floor is to be used for the mystic post office and its other business. The building is a decided improvement in the main street. The barn in the rear is to be vacated by A. G. Brownell and is to be used by John F. Noyes as a garage. Mr. Noyes is also to have his garage office in the building where the post office is located at present. With the appearance of the new building to be erected by the Odd Fellows which is to be a credit to the village, this part of the town will take on a business-like look. The watering fountain which is now in front of the restaurant is to be moved probably on Cottrell street or to some more convenient place than where it is at present.

Rifle Club Organized.

Over thirty young men who were interested in starting a rifle club met in the store of Samuel Givern & Co. on Saturday evening for the purpose of starting an organization. After some discussion and the matter was planned the following officers were elected: President, Charles C. Dodge; vice president, Harry MacKutt; secretary, Orrin Lamb; treasurer, Dr. Rhodes Burrows; member of executive committee, Orrin H. Sanford. Thirty-three members were taken in as charter members.

The building belonging to the Cottrell Lumber Co. has been secured for an inside range and will be fixed up ready for use it is hoped in about two weeks. The one to be used is just across from the lumber yard and the back end is to be reinforced by steel. Later on an outside range will be used. On the inside is a 22-calibre rifle will be used.

The shooting galleries are to be used for members only who will have to furnish their own rifles and ammunition. The meetings are to be held Saturday afternoons and evenings.

Short Paragraphs.

This (Tuesday) morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church an anniversary requiem high mass will be sung for



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Miss Edna Dennison of Maynard, Mass., is the guest of Miss Eliza Denison.

Miss Louise Paige is visiting in Guilford.

George Wallace has returned from a visit in Cambridge, N. J.

Robert Bradley has returned from a visit in Westfield, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Morgan are at home from a few weeks' stay in Florida.

Miss Sarah MacDonald, who is a member of the nurses' training class and in a hospital in New York, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacDonald for a few weeks.

AMOS BUNNELL SUICIDE; DESPONDENCY THE CAUSE

Pulled String With His Feet That Caused Discharge of Gun.

Mystic, Conn., March 13.—Despondency due to ill health is believed to have caused Amos Bunnell, aged 81, a farmer, to pull the trigger of his rifle today. He attached a string to the trigger of a double barreled shotgun, placed the muzzle close to his breast and pulled the string with his foot. He is survived by nine children.

PLAINFIELD

Oliver Blanchette and Mr. and Mrs. William Allard Leave for Canada—Joseph Maloney's Sister Dead.

Henry Carden returned to his work at the slaughter room of the Lawton Mills corporation after a few weeks' absence due to burns received while at his work.

The warm weather of yesterday left the ground in a very poor condition. The streets here were similar to brooks, as the gutters were overflowing. It was necessary to keep a man cleaning out the sewers in order to give the water a free passage. The warm spell of yesterday ended the fine sleighing.

There has been talk here of the organizing of the A. O. H. for Plainfield. It is not certain, however, if a Plainfield branch of the Order of Hibernians will be able to be organized.

Pierre Fournier has entered the machine shop of the Lawton Mills corporation.

Leave for Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Blanchette and Mr. and Mrs. William Allard left Monday for Canada. Mr. Blanchette will meet Joseph and Michael Lemay, who were formerly of Plainfield, at Montreal, whence the party will proceed to the western section of Canada, where they will take up agricultural work.

The Plainfield Dramatic company is planning to put on a play for the benefit of St. John's church.

Louis Stearns has received the lumber for his new house which is to be built opposite the Standard Roller Covering company. He will start work on the new house as soon as the weather permits.

Stephen Wood and Arthur Day were in New London yesterday.

Mrs. Richard Higham has returned her home in Fall River, Mass., after a visit at the home of her daughter.

ters, Mrs. John Krauss and Mrs. James Marr.

Mail Unclaimed.

Unclaimed letters at the postoffice for the week ending March 4 are addressed to Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter and Mrs. Kenyon.

A number of local people were in Norwich last evening attending the auto show.

Leo Norman was in Jewett City yesterday.

Officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad passed through Plainfield in their private car Sunday.

Sister Dead.

Joseph Maloney of this place received word of the death of his sister, which occurred yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital, Providence, R. I., after an operation.

A QUAINT UNIFORM FOR MORNING WORK

GROWING COTTON IN AUSTRALIA FOR BRITAIN

Scheme is to Have Each Individual Grow One Cotton Plant.

Brisbane, Australia, March 18.—Cotton growing in Australia to help Britain and her allies was decided upon recently at a public meeting held at Mount Morgan in Northern Queensland.

It is recalled that toward the close of the Civil war in the United States, Queensland took to cotton culture to meet the English demand which was enormous and had been greatly increased by the impoverishment of the south; and in 1871 the cotton exports from Australia amounted to 2,500,000 pounds. When cotton growing recovered in the United States, that country produced it in huge quantities and, in order to dispose of it, sold it at such low figures that the Queensland growers could not compete with profit at the American price, and the industry finally languished. The present cotton-growing campaign owes itself to an article written for a Rockhampton newspaper by G. Stephen Hart, F. R. S. In the course of this Mr. Hart said:

"Today the government guarantees to advance three cents per pound on raw cotton, to gin it, export it, and sell it, and give any further profit obtained to the producer."

"The individual farmer is not yet convinced that he could grow cotton at a profit, but now there is a national reason why he should try. Now it is no exaggeration to say that the existence of the empire is largely dependent on the available supply of cotton, for 'no cotton, no shells' has become an axiom, and the cotton of Australia could be invaded or cut off from other lands by ocean raids we could not resist."

"For ten million soldiers one pound of cotton per man would mean about 4,500 tons. I do not know how many pounds of high explosives made from cotton, each soldier, on the average, uses 1 ton per year, but as a guide it may be taken that one pound of cordite is required for about 250 rifle cartridges, and 500 pounds of cotton means one charge for one 15-inch shell for the Queen Elizabeth. That illustrates chemical savant, Sir William Ramsay, has, with others, been asserting again and again that no cotton means no shells, and has at last prevailed upon the allies to declare cotton more important than oil."

Mr. and Mrs. Maxine Lavigne have returned to Plainfield after a stay at Williamsburg.

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it till we see if anybody cometh our way."

A number of fitters are to be used in Queensland to make shells. A single lathe capable of making 20 shells a day is gladly accepted. So would a contribution of 1000 tons, or even 100 tons of cotton. From world statistics it may be taken that five acres of cotton plants yield one ton of cotton. The yield from perennial cotton where unaffected by frost, is as high as five pounds or bolt or two and a half pounds of lint. As the picking necessitates considerable labor, it would seem better for many to grow small areas of up to, say, five acres each, rather than for individuals to attempt large plantations.

"We have all over Australia women

working industriously at Red Cross work for our soldiers. Individually, each one's work may seem but a drop in the ocean, but they are showing that sufficient drops make an ocean. Why should not each of the 60,000 residents of Queensland grow one plant? Their little contribution could be taken to the municipal authorities to forward to Brisbane. The government's advance could be a good addition to our patriotic funds."

"These suggestions are put forward with the hope that they will be improved upon, and carried to a successful issue, under the guidance of those among us who have many years' successful experience in cotton growing; but we should move quickly, as seed planters in September and October should produce a harvest about the close of the next European winter."

DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN TRADE IN CHINA.

Great Possibilities in Co-operation With Japanese.

Tokio, March 8.—American financiers and business men have given their informal pledge to pursue trade in China in a spirit of friendliness towards the Japanese and, wherever possible, in co-operation with the Japanese, according to Baron Etsichi Shibusawa, the 76 year old financier who returned in January from a tour of the United States. On his arrival home he was met by several members of the cabinet, to whom he reported most favorably on conditions in America, as they affect Japan. He was impressed remarkably with the hospitality that had been shown him in the United States.

"America," he said, "is now at one of the most important turning points of her history. Hitherto she has been self centered and self contented, politically, economically and financially, but now in consequence of the war she has been brought suddenly to realize that circumstances place her in the very forefront of the world's financial and commercial powers, and she seems determined to utilize to the fullest extent the opportunities thus presented."

"I took every opportunity," he continued, "of impressing upon my Japanese friends the desirability and also the practicality of a general understanding and, if possible, co-operation between the United States and Japan. Especially was it to the interests of both Japan and the United States. Otherwise America's increased activities in the Chinese market might possibly lead to hostile competition, mutual distrust, and bitter animosity, which might be mutually disastrous. I was gratified to learn that my views on these matters were fully shared by American financiers and business men, who showed themselves perfectly willing to conduct operations in China in a generous spirit of friendliness towards the Japanese and, wherever possible, in co-operation with us."

Baron Shibusawa said he found all sections of the United States animated by sentiments of warm friendship towards Japan. Especially was he pleased to see the situation in California greatly improved. The anti-Japanese feeling there has subsided, owing to the favorable impression created by Japanese participation in the ex-

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SWEET SIMPLICITY

Some people were inclined to fear a revival of the anti-Japanese agitation, but his observation was that there is no likelihood of such an occurrence in the near future.

From the Consular Reports.

Normally Italy exports several hundred tons of mushrooms each year. The United States used thirty-nine tons in 1914. The peasants gather them in the mountain districts, where they grow wild.

Tin is found in Austria in considerable quantities and, since the war has changed the world markets, the Austrian government has advocated the opening of the old mines.

Fish canners of Stravanger, Norway, are to erect rolling mills to make their own tin plate.

One of the great Swedish houses has issued an elaborate book intended to promote trade with Russia.

Five of the brewing companies of Chili have been consolidated into one great corporation.

Brazil's trade balance last year was more favorable than in any of the previous five years.

FNUD FOR HOME FOR IRISH BENEDICTINE NUNS

Who Fled from Ypres and Are Now Refugees in London.

Dublin, March 12.—John Redmond and Barry O'Brien, the historian, have issued an appeal to the Irish people for a fund of \$5,000 with which to establish a home for the Irish Benedictine nuns of Ypres, who, since the German invasion of Belgium have been refugees in London. A house suitable for a convent has been found in the county of Wexford, Ireland, and if the necessary funds are ascertained the nuns will be transferred to that place.

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